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Tom and Alisha,

Here are some brief pointers for Gina in case she's asked about the Alaska enforcement action. The media statement as drafted below by Marianne has also been approved by OECA. Let me know if you need anything else.

Nick

General talking points:

- A task force of federal and state agencies conducted field investigations due to suspected criminal conduct involving violations of state and federal water pollution laws.
- I can't talk about specific, ongoing investigations, but I can say that we're working closely with other agencies and the state of Alaska to protect the environment.

If pressed about use of aerial surveillance:

- The use of airplanes in an investigation, especially in the Alaska wilderness, is a common law enforcement practice.
- The intent is to conduct our important investigation as effectively as possible, without undue burden to local residents.

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From: Holsman, Marianne
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To: Reynolds, Thomas; Johnson, Alisha; Conger, Nick; McLerran, Dennis
Cc: Mark Macintyre; Amon, Tyler

Subject: Proposed statement re: press query about last week's placer mine investigations in AK

Hello All:

After speaking with Alisha, here is our proposed statement back to the Alaska Dispatch reporter regarding his inquiry about reported EPA inspectors in the field last week in remote Alaska. If asked additional questions, we will explain that we can't go any further because this is an on-going investigation. I plan to send this to the reporter in about an hour.

Statement:

Last week members of the Alaska Environmental Crimes Task Force conducted field investigations of placer mining operations in the Fortymile National Wild and Scenic River area. These field investigations were conducted by law enforcement officers from federal and state agencies due to suspected criminal conduct involving violations of state and federal water pollution laws.

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